Appointment of Miss M. K. Thrasia as teacher in the V. P. school, Kotamangalam.

33. **MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether one Miss M. K. Thrasia has at any time been appointed as a teacher in the vernacular primary school for girls, Kotamangalam, since Makaram 1107 ;

(*b*) her qualifications ;

(*c*) whether she has had any acting period to her credit prior to that date ;

(*d*) the particular sect to which she belongs ; and

(*e*) whether there were not applicants belonging to other communities with better qualifications ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) One Miss M. K. Thrasia was appointed as acting Assistant, Maramangalam primary school, and not Kotamangalam primary school, in the Muvattupuzha taluk in Makaram 1107 ;

(*b*) Vernacular School Leaving Certificate of 1925 and Trained Teachers' Certificate of 1927.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Roman Catholic Syrian Christian.

(*e*) She was appointed in the vacancy as she has better qualifications, being trained. There may be applicants belonging to other communities with better qualifications outside the District.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : In regard to the answer to part (*c*) of my question, whether this particular individual has had any acting period to her credit prior to that date, it is found answered in the affirmative. May I know whether that was in a private school or in a Government school ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have no information other than what is supplied by the Director of Public Instruction.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Is any acting service, or even permanent service in a private school, taken into consideration by the Government in regard to appointments in departmental schools.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That is a hypothetical question.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : To my question the member has answered that she has had some acting service to her credit. I want to get information whether that was in a private school or in a departmental school ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I say I have no information.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Am I to understand from the member that acting services in private schools and in departmental schools are similarly treated ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That does not arise. I have not admitted that the period of acting in a private school has been taken into consideratian.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): When it was brought to the notice of the Government that she has had acting period they automatically thought that it was in a Sirkar school. Am I to understand from the answer given that this particular individual had the acting period in a Sirkar school?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is the ordinary inference.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Am I also to understand that it is on that inference, the reply is given?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The reply is given from the information supplied by the Director of Public Instruction.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): On the inference that the acting period must be in a Sirkar school, the answer is given. Is that so?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, that is the ordinary inference.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): And it is on that inference the reply is given?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member may take it so.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): What about my further question?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is all the answer I could give.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Am I right in concluding that the member's inference is that she had acting service in a Sirkar school?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have said so.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the member take it from me that she has had no acting period in a Sirkar school?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not prepared to take it.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): In regard to the answer to part (*e*), it is said that there may be applicants belonging to other communities with better qualifications outside the District? Is there any general rule under which the appointing authorities are compelled to select only candidates from a particular District for the purpcse of schools in that District?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say there is a regular rule. But there is the understanding that teachers should, as far as possible, be appointed from Districts to which they belong.

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MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Is that an inviolable rule or is it found violated ?

PRESIDENT : That is going too far from the scope of the question.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : My point is.....

PRESIDENT : Accept my ruling. Please do not argue.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : I do not pursue the question. My difficulty is this. From the answer it would be seen that even though there may be applicants with better qualifications outside a particular District those applicants will not at all be considered when there are available hands with less qualifications from that particular District. It will be very very dangerous if the Government show such partiality.

PRESIDENT : Mr. Krishna Pillai, you must not make a speech.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : I am not making a speech. I want to get information whether applicants from a particular District alone could get places in that District.

PRESIDENT : That has been answered.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : That has not been answered, Sir.

PRESIDENT : Don't talk to me like that.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : I bow down to the ruling from the Chair.

Reports about floods.

34. **MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there are any instructions issued by the authorities concerned under which the Division Officers of the Public Works Department are obliged to submit reports about floods in their respective Divisions ;

(*b*) if so, whether the Division Officer, Kottayam, has done so in respect of the last floods ; and

(*c*) if not, why ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) This does not arise.

Maintenance of the Northern Outlet road, Devicolam.

35. **MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any orders have been passed recently by them to the effect that amounts not less than Rs. 5,000 should be spent every year on the maintenance of the Northern Outlet road, Devicolam ; and

(*b*) if so, the particular reason why such orders were passed ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The dangerous condition of this road on account of its narrowness and many bad curves necessitated such a provision for its improvement.

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